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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Twenty-four claims are pending in the application: Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-26.

Summary of Examiner Interview

1. On August 8, 2005 Martin R. Bader (Reg. No. 54,736) spoke with Examiner Singh regarding the outstanding final office action. No exhibits were shown. The Examiner clarified that filing a terminal disclaimer would place all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Double Patenting

2. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 20 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 4 and 18 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/076,942 (Champion et al.).

In response, Applicants provide herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection over a copending patent application ("Terminal Disclaimer") and an authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for any appropriate fees.

Applicants submit that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the provisional double patenting rejection, and thus, claims 1, 2, 4 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the remarks and Terminal Disclaimer provided herein place the pending claims in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (805) 781- 2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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